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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its fifty-fifth session at United Nations Headquarters on 12 March 2010 and from 22 February-4 March 2011. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to __).

2. The session was opened by the Chair of the Commission, Garen Nazarian (Armenia), who also made a statement.

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 22 February 2011, statements were made by the Deputy Secretary-General, the President of the Economic and Social Council, and the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

4. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

5. Also at the same meeting, the distinguished guest speaker, Mrs. Emine Erdogan (Turkey) addressed the Commission.

6. At the 9th meeting, on 1 March, the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences, made a statement.

B. Attendance

7. The session was attended by representatives of __ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended.

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C. Officers of the Commission

8. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers are elected to the Bureau of the Commission for a term of office of two years. The following officers were elected to serve on the Bureau of the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions:

Chair:
Garen Nazarian (Armenia)

Vice-Chair:
Takashi Ashiki (Japan)
Julio Peralta (Paraguay)
Leysa Sow (Senegal)
Roberto Storaci (Italy)

Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur:
Leysa Sow (Senegal)

9. At the 1st meeting of the 55th session, on 12 March 2010, the Commission elected Filippo Cinti (Italy) and Maria Luz Melon (Argentina) to replace Roberto Storaci (Italy) and Julio Peralta (Paraguay), who had resigned as Vice-Chairs.

10. At the 2nd meeting, on 22 February, the Commission elected Tetsuya Kimura (Japan) to replace Takashi Ashiki (Japan), who had resigned as Vice-Chair.

D. Agenda and organization of work

11. At its 2nd meeting, on 22 February, the Commission adopted its agenda and approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.6/2011/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
   (a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives:
      (i) Priority theme: access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work;
      (ii) Review theme: the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child;
   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;
   (c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters.
4. Communications concerning the status of women.

5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session.

12. Also at the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.6/2011/1/Add.1.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

13. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of women. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/16, the following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed to the working group of the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions:

Ms. Cho Hyung-hwa (Republic of Korea)
Mr. Nicolas Burniat (Belgium)
Ms. Kadra Ahmed Hassan (Djibouti)
Mr. Julio Peralta (Paraguay)
Ms. Irina Velichko (Belarus)

14. At its 2nd meeting, the Commission confirmed the appointment of Efraim Gomez (Sweden) to replace Nicolas Burniat (Belgium), who had resigned as member of the Working Group.